

read and believe the scriptural story. If the

chance for that great miracle. As it was Christ who could cure the man, and thus incite within him faith, as it did. (V. 28.) Observers would be forced to believe in the extraordinary character of our Savior. Ever since the story has been a blessing and comfort to our world. Specially have the blind been cheered when hearing how Christ had cured the man who came to a poor, begging, sightless man.

Is there not in V. 3 a partial unravelling of that vexed question, How did sin originate? Is not sin for the glory of God? We would never have known God's mercy; we could never have balanced his attributes of justice with his compassion, without the history of sin. If not so, why did God create man? We would never have loved God and Christ as we do and ever shall as saved sinners. A voice

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commissiōnem from Heaven. (V. 17). Then the Sanhedrim questioned the plēnity of the patient. (Vs. 18-23). In V. 26 they thought to make the man waver in his conviction by themselves calling the author of his cure an impostor. (Vs. 27-29). But the man was not restored to sight, hoping he might contradict his former statements. V. 34 shows they excommunicated him.

7. *Singsomēns.*

1. *Tick the blind.* A belief that such affliction is the result of personal sin, leads believers to callousness. Build asylums for the blind. Make books with raised letters.

2. *Put the blind in the dog house.* The night of death fast coming. Think of the condition of the many blind in sin—the souls with sealed eyes. Work! God has a mission for

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7. It is right to doctor and attend the sick on Sunday. One great idea of Christ is making the sainted to explode an idea of the Jews. Jesus went wrong in preparing remedies on the Sabbath. It is not right to run pill establishments, porous-plaster manufactories, medical laboratories on Sunday.

8. Be sensible of your individuality. Say: I must. Each clergyman, each Sunday-school teacher, indeed every Christian, should consider himself an individual.

9. Be so conscious of your duty, fully impressed that you are *sent into this world for a purpose*, so anticipative of the Judgment, as to realize you must work.

10. Do not demand explanations always as conditions of faith and action. We must accept the most full comprehension. We cannot relieve life's sufferings without first stopping every action, demanding explanations of all the reasons. We can know a fact without being able to give a detail of processes. (Vs. 11, 14, 15) "I know I see," said the man born blind. I cannot tell how the sight was imparted. We did the waters at Siloam cure? It did not cure the blind, but it cured the man. The cure of the fact. Back of all is omnipotence. What part the saliva played—what part the water—we know not.

11. Be a light. Illuminate the pathway of life where your lot locates you. Shine in holy deeds, kind words, charitable acts.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Replies to Questions on a Variety of Interesting Subjects.

To Correspondents.—Write questions on a separate sheet of paper, give full name and address, and enclose a "return" column. No consideration will be paid to communications that are not accompanied with full name and address of writer. No question will be considered unless it is accompanied by a reply to their inquiries. Postal cards will be replied to by mail only. Replies by mail will ordinarily be made within a week, and if in this column, within a shorter time.

E. M. F., Baltimore, Md.—Your pension when allowed will date from the date when you filed your application in the Pension Bureau. If it was filed on September, 1881, your pension will extend from that date; if it was filed in September, 1880, then pension will commence from the latter date.

W. M., Sioux Falls, S. D.—I, Soldier filed a claim on September, 1881, and was examined on the 10th of that month. My pension will date from the 10th of September, 1881.

rejoiced on the ground that he served only 55 days. He enlisted at his home in Wisconsin and was discharged after 55 days' service. He, however, traveled and camped in traveling from St. Louis to his home aided to his 55 days' service, so as to make the required 90 days' service. 2. Soldier soldier incurred expenses in traveling from his home to the military pension under the general law. If he should apply now under the general law, could he have his pension increased to include the expenses incurred from the date of filing his application under the act of June 7, 1902, 1 No. 2. No. Pension under general law. How long only date of application under general law.

J. M. F. Robinson, Mich.—A soldier was ordered before a Board of Surgeons for medical examination. He was ordered by the board to be examined. If he was ordered before another board. In case the boards should disagree, what would the result be? Would he be ordered by a third board to decide the matter.

W. W. W. *Chewaburg, Ill.*—A soldier belongs to the Missouri Home Guard, but was never mustered into the service of the United States. Is he eligible for the Missouri Militia? Will the Missouri Home Guards and Missouri militia have title to pension, but none of the enrolled Missouri militia? Will you please inform me of the full number and designation of his regiment, it is not possible for us to say whether that particular regiment is in the service of the United States, and we will advise you. There are many State regiments the members of which, though entitled to membership in the G. A. R., are not entitled to membership in the U. S. G. A. R.

S. R. *Baltimore, Md.*—1. Soldier filed application for pension under general law and act of June 27, 1904, and was granted pension for 10 years, from Jan. 15 last. How soon should he hear from the claim?

Has there been an order giving act of June cases the preference over general law claims. In order to get the act of June cases in the pension line? What is the fate of letters (not evidence) written the Pension Bureau? Do they go to their respective files? Are the percentages of claims rejected under the act of June as high as 10 percent? *Answer.* 1. No. 2. No. 3. No. 4. No. 5. No. 6. No. 7. No. 8. No. 9. No. 10. 11. No. 12. No. 13. No. 14. No. 15. No. 16. No. 17. No. 18. No. 19. No. 20. No. 21. No. 22. No. 23. No. 24. No. 25. No. 26. No. 27. No. 28. No. 29. No. 30. No. 31. No. 32. No. 33. No. 34. No. 35. No. 36. No. 37. No. 38. No. 39. No. 40. No. 41. No. 42. No. 43. No. 44. No. 45. No. 46. No. 47. No. 48. No. 49. No. 50. No. 51. No. 52. No. 53. No. 54. No. 55. No. 56. No. 57. No. 58. No. 59. No. 60. No. 61. No. 62. No. 63. No. 64. No. 65. No. 66. No. 67. No. 68. No. 69. No. 70. No. 71. No. 72. No. 73. No. 74. No. 75. No. 76. No. 77. No. 78. No. 79. No. 80. No. 81. No. 82. No. 83. 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granted by the Commissioner of Pensions, would the attorney, Justice of the Peace, witnesses, or other persons, who are not officers of the Pension Service, actually misused into the United States Service be amenable under criminal laws governing the application for pension or not, and what would the penalty be?

Q. H. Washington, Mo.—A soldier made application for pension under act of June 27, 1890. He received a certificate from the Pension Service, but, in stating that application was on file and would receive due attention in its turn; also, that "in the meantime" he must be preparing his evidence. He has been waiting for some time, and has written orders to go before an Examining Board? 2. What position, if any, does the civil service offer a "vet" who has been in the army?

A. The man must apply for the position he seeks, just the same as if he was not a veteran.

Q. J. R. Petersburg, Va.—Has a bank any right to refuse to cash a check drawn on a Governmental or Federal bank?

A. Answer, Yes. But you are

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